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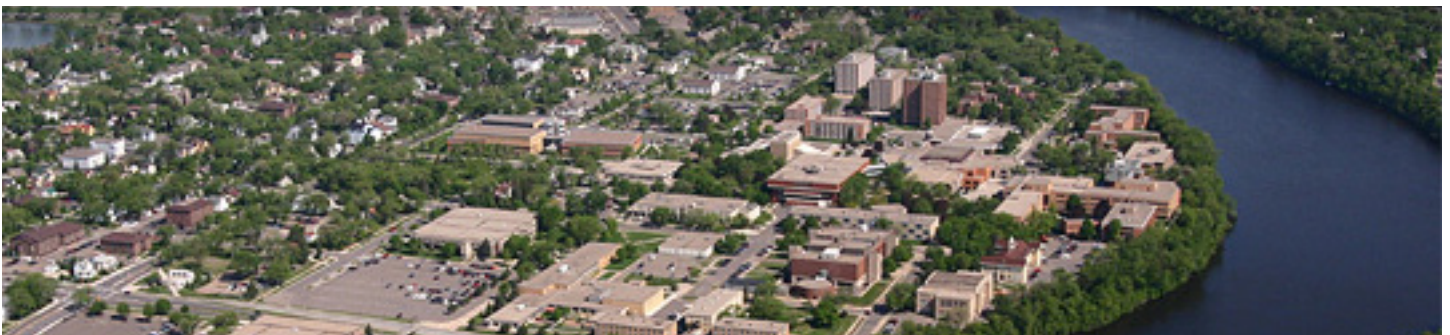
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Announcements

Chancellor Rosenstone's New Initiatives

St. Cloud State University is one of thirty one colleges and universities within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. The new MnSCU Chancellor, Steven J. Rosenstone, believes that the system plays an essential role in developing Minnesota's economy and expanding educational opportunity to all Minnesotans. In one of his first communications to the MnSCU community, Chancellor Rosenstone identified three main strategic priorities:

1. Ensure access to an extraordinary education for all Minnesotans

- Faculty and staff will "provide the best education available in Minnesota, preparing graduates to lead in every sector of Minnesota's economy."
- MnSCU will continue to be "the place of opportunity, making education accessible to all Minnesotans who seek a college, technical or university education; those who want to update their skills; and those who need to prepare for new careers."

2. Be the partner of choice to meet Minnesota's workforce and community needs

- MnSCU's colleges and universities will partner with businesses and communities across Minnesota to "help them solve real-world problems and keep Minnesotans at the leading edge of their professions."
- Faculty and staff will enable Minnesota to "meet its need for a substantially better educated workforce by increasing the number of Minnesotans who complete certificates, diplomas and degrees."

3. Deliver to students, employers, communities and taxpayers the highest value/most affordable option

- MnSCU colleges and universities will "deliver the highest value to students, employers, communities and taxpayers."

Additionally, Chancellor Rosenstone has expressed his support to expanding the offers of higher education to more students via online deliverable formats.

(MnSCU, 2012. Chancellor's Initiatives. Retrieved from <http://www.mnscu.edu/about/initiatives/index.html>)

Save the Date!

HIED Social
and
Reception for the
University of Macerata
Delegation

Friday, April 13th, 2012
4:00 -6:00 p.m.
EB B107

More information coming soon!

Written Comprehensive Examination (WCE)

This exam evaluates basic knowledge about the courses offered in the M. S. in Higher Education Administration. The exam entails working on two basic questions, and the analysis of a case study which is germane to the field of higher education.

Date: April 19th, 2012,

Time: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Information on the pre-requisites and content of the exam can be accessed using this link:

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/hied/masters/current.asp>

Questions? Contact Dr. Gabriela Silvestre at
gjsilvestre@stcloudstate.edu

HIED Updates

Eric Addinton- M.S. Alumnus

Eric accepted a new position as Director of Financial Aid at St. John's University. Congratulations, Eric!

Michele Braun - M.S. Student

Michele was the moderator for the Undergraduate Career Panel at the Minnesota College Personnel Association's (MCPA) Careers in Student Affairs event, held on February 10, 2012, at the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN. Way to go, Michele!

Lynn Davis - Ed.D. Student

Lynn received the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Office of Campus Involvement and the Dean's Scholarship for Doctoral Students from the School of Education at St. Cloud State University. We are proud of you, Lynn!

Kara Hadley-Shakya- M.S. Student

Kara was promoted to Assistant Director of Admissions-Special Events at St. Cloud State University. Congratulations, Kara!

Carrie Hansen- M.S. Student

Carrie co-presented at the 3rd Annual Power in Diversity Leadership Conference, held on January 27-29, 2012, at St. Cloud State University. The title of her presentation was "Succeeding in College: Your Path, Your Way." Great work, Carrie!

Marah Jacobson-Shulte- M.S. Alumna

Marah was promoted to Director of the Office of Experiential Learning & Community Engagement at the College of St. Benedict. Brava, Marah!

Alvaro Marmolejo Davis - Ed.D. Student

Alvaro co-presented with Dr. Imbra at NASPA's International Symposium pre-conference, held on March 10-11, 2012, in Phoenix, AZ. The title of the presentation was "The Role of Student Affairs Professionals in Internationalizing U.S. Higher Education." Well done, Alvaro!

Katya Leek- M.S. Alumna

Katya's research findings while being a Research Coordinator for the International Programs Office (IPO) at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point have become a significant part of the IPO's Strategic Plan. Well done, Katya!

Michael Olesen- M.S. Alumnus

Michael Olesen is serving as co-chair of the University of Minnesota-Rochester's IT Leadership Alliance (ITLA). ITLA is a University system-wide organization charged with aligning, collaborating, and optimizing information technology services. Also, he co-presented the seminar "Supporting the Delivery of an Integrated Curriculum: University of Minnesota Rochester's iSEAL." Very impressive, Michael!

Nguyen Pham and Nathaniel Schultz - M.S. Students

Nguyen and Nathaniel presented a workshop at the 3rd Annual Power in Diversity Leadership Conference, held January 27-29, 2012, at St. Cloud State University. The title of their presentation was "Diversity in Graduate Classrooms: Issues and Measures." Great work, Nguyen and Nathaniel!

Matthew Plachecki- M.S. Student

Matthew accepted a permanent position as Assistant Registrar in the Office of Records and Registration at St. Cloud State University. Congratulations, Matt!

Robin Robotcek- M.S. Alumna

Robin accepted a new position as the H2P Grant Project Director at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Brava, Robin!

Gail Ruhland- Ed.D. Alumna

Gail will present her dissertation findings to a group of Minnesota Continuing Education Administrators on May 3, 2012 at the Minnesota Council for Continuing Education and Customized Training at Rutgers Bay Lake Lodge. Congratulations, Dr. Ruhland!

Holly Schuck - M.S. Student

Holly accepted an interim position as the Associate Director for the University Program Board and Student Organizations in the Department of Campus Involvement at St. Cloud State University. Great news, Holly!

Mary Tosch- Ed.D. Student

Mary co-presented at NASPA's Annual Conference, held on March 11-14 in Phoenix, AZ. The title of her presentation was "Jumping the Chasm: How to Obtain a Director Position." Fantastic, Mary!

Amy VanSurksum- Ed.D. student

Amy VanSurksum has been appointed to the International Enrollment Management (IEM) Taskforce for NAFSA. Also, she will be presenting a workshop titled "Getting Started with International Enrollment Management: Recruitment and Beyond" at NAFSA's Annual Conference, held on May 27-June 1, 2012 in Houston, TX. Great work, Amy!

Ryan Yunkers- Ed.D. Student

Ryan accepted a new position as Interim Assistant Director for Operations in the Department of Residential Life at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He was also interviewed and cited in the Minnesota 2020 report "Retooling Minnesota for Recovery," which focused on nontraditional students in higher education. Great to hear, Ryan!

Faculty Updates

Dr. Christine M. Imbra

- Dr. Imbra received a CETL Co-Teaching Grant for spring 2012. She co-taught a HIED master's course, Higher Education Leadership and Administration, with Kimberly Roan, a HIED doctoral candidate in Cohort III.
- Dr. Imbra is co-teaching a new on-line course with a HIED doctoral student, Alvaro J. Marmolejo Davis from Cohort V, and an Italian colleague from the University of Florence, Valentina Nuzzo. The course, "A Cultural Introduction to Italian Higher Education", has 20 students enrolled and is preparing some of those students for their education abroad trip to Italy this May.
- On January 27, 2012 Dr. Imbra co-presented at the Power in Diversity Leadership Conference with Dr. Silvestre and two HIED doctoral students, Lynn Davis and Alvaro J. Marmolejo Davis. The title of the presentation was "Leadership Development as Socialization of Graduate Students."
- On March 11, 2012 Dr. Imbra and Alvaro J. Marmolejo Davis presented at the NASPA Annual Conference International Symposium in Phoenix, AZ. The title of their presentation is "The Role of Student Affairs Professionals in Internationalizing U.S. Higher Education."
- Dr. Imbra and the HIED Graduate Assistants, Tamika Marchbanks (M.S. student) and Alvaro J. Marmolejo Davis (Ed.D. student), are currently preparing for the arrival of an Italian Delegation to SCSU this spring. Two faculty members and five doctoral students from the University of Macerata (UNIMC) will be on campus this April. Dr. Imbra is also preparing for the second education abroad trip to Italy, scheduled for May 13 - May 27, 2012.

Dr. Steven L. McCullar

- Dr. McCullar presented two educational sessions at the Minnesota College Personnel Association (MCPA) conference. The titles of his presentations were "Social Media and Professional Development" and "Is It Time for the Doctorate? Rejuvenation Through Academic Pursuit."
- Dr. McCullar was selected to serve as the Minnesota State Representative for the NASPA Student Leadership Programs Knowledge Community.
- Dr. McCullar has spent the academic year getting acclimated to St. Cloud State University and the surrounding community. He is excited to be serving on several students' committees in both the master and doctorate programs and is looking forward to another year at St. Cloud State University.

Dr. Michael R. Mills

- Dr. Mills has submitted an article entitled "The Manuscript Option: The Future of the Dissertation in Social Sciences?" for publication in a peer review journal. The paper is co-authored with Ed.D. student Cherie Pettitt.
- Dr. Mills has been a regular participant in the Chairs Wisdom Collaborative, which is sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at SCSU. Dr. Mills has also co-facilitated sessions of the group on "Leading without Supervising" and "Best Practices in the Evaluation of Teaching."
- Dr. Mills is also scheduled to present later this spring to a meeting of the Minnesota Association for Developmental Education, on student ratings and the evaluation of teaching.

Dr. Gabriela J. Silvestre

- Dr. Silvestre reviewed two papers about higher education and leadership for the following peer-review journals: International Studies in Education journal (ISE) and the Science Journal of Sociology and Anthropology.
- Dr. Silvestre was invited to become a member of the Editorial Board of Krinein-Journal of Education. The Krinein-Journal of Education is an international, peer-review, journal that is published by the School of Education at the Universidad Catolica de Santa Fe, (Catholic University of Santa Fe), Santa Fe, Argentina.
- Dr. Silvestre, Dr. Imbra, Alvaro Marmolejo Davis, and Lynn Davis (Ed.D. Students) presented at the Power in Diversity Conference 2012, the paper "Leadership Development as Socialization of Graduate Students", on Friday, January 27th, 2012.
- Dr. Silvestre presented with M.S. student Tamika Marchbanks at the MCPA Workshop, on February 10th, 2012, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN. Their presentation, also co-authored by Alvaro Marmolejo Davis, was titled "How to Become a Professional: A Guide to Behaving like One of 'Them'."
- Dr. Silvestre has collected data for her study entitled "The linkages between professional development and professional identities of female faculty of color members in the context of the MnSCU", funded by the IFO Feminist Issues Committee. She will present the preliminary findings of the study at the IFO General Assembly this March 2012. Dr. Silvestre leads the research team composed by HIED graduate students (Lynn Davis, Alvaro Marmolejo Davis, and Nguyen Pham) and Dr. Imbra.
- Dr. Silvestre will present the session "Internationalization of Higher Education" at the Spring Leadership Institute for Women in Higher Education, held April 3, 2012, at St. Cloud State University.

2011-2012 HIED Practicum Students

The practicum experience provides a 100-hour exposure to an area of individual interest in Higher Education Administration and allows M.S. students to apply their newly acquired knowledge in an educational setting under supervision. Dr. Imbra is the practicum coordinator for all M.S. students. Practicum students will present posters of their major project at the Student Research Colloquium.

Student	Practicum Placement	Practicum Site Mentor	Poster Session Title
Michele Braun	Career Services St. Cloud State University	Andy Ditlevson	"Career Services Center Practicum Experience"
Eglantina Cenolli	Women's Center St. Cloud State University	Jane Olson	"Promoting Leadership for Women"
Paul DeCock	Education Abroad St. Cloud State University	Nichole Pazdernik	"What's Your World"
Carrie Hansen	Career Services Southwest Minnesota State University	Sheila Risacher	"Job Search Resources for Students with Disabilities"
Rocky Horn	Athletics St. Cloud State University	John Lewis	"A Look Into Husky Athletics"
Monir Johnson	Institutional Research Metropolitan State University	Cynthia DeVore	"Racism at a University: Survey Responses that are Neutral and Do Not Know"
Sheryl Olson	First Year and Transition Programs St. Cloud State University	Christine Metzo	"Analysis of Students Transferring into a Four Year University"
Nguyen Pham	Office of Sponsored Programs St. Cloud State University	Jodi Kuznia	"Strategies to Enhance Community Partners and Increase External Funding"
Matthew Plachecki	Campus Involvement St. Cloud State University	Jessica Ostman	"Practicum in the Department of Campus Involvement"
Nathaniel Schultz	Division of General Studies St. Cloud State University	Adam Klepetar	"Leadership: A College Experience"
Russell Waisanen	Student Life Century College	Jenn Rassett	"Practicum at Century College"
Valerie Zahorski Schmidt	Foundation North Hennepin Community College	Jennifer Summer-Lambrecht	"Alumni Relations and the Community College"

15th Annual Student Research Colloquium

St. Cloud State University's annual campus-wide Student Research Colloquium (SRC) promotes and celebrates students' research, scholarship, and creative work. HIED students will present their papers at the event, which will take place on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. The students presenting papers at the SRC are:

- **Michele Braun:** "Assessment Surveys: Factors that Influence Students' Persistence and Degree Attainment while Matriculating through the Doctor in Education (Ed.D.) Program."
- **Eglantina Cenolli:** "The Reasons Why Adult Students Pursue Master's Studies at St. Cloud State University."
- **Xingcai Liu:** "How does Internationalization Matter to Community Colleges?"
- **Nguyen Pham:** "Institutional Student Support Policies: The Catalyst for Promoting Student Enrollment."
- **Gail Ruhland:** "Past, Present, Future: Times of Change for Continuing Education Units in Higher Education Institutions."

Congratulations, HIED Graduates!

Fall 2011 Ed.D. Graduates

Sonja Gidlow

Dissertation: "Mobile Phone Use and Student Development: How Communication with Parents is Related to Psychosocial Development in College Students."

Jodi Kuznia

Dissertation: "Balancing Personal and Professional Lives: Community College Faculty in MnSCU."

Right: Sonja receives her degree from SCSU President, Earl Potter III.

Below: Sonja is hooded by her advisor, Michael Mills, and Dan Gregory, Dean of Graduate Education.



Fall 2011 M.S. Graduates

Dennis Mergen

Rekha Guragain

Benjamin Hedlund

Paul Nelson

Ed.D. Students Defending Their Dissertations in Spring 2012

Kelly Crue

Dissertation: "Pre-service Teachers' Understanding of Gender and a Gendered Curriculum."

Xingcai Liu

Dissertation: "A Study of Internationalization of Minnesota's Higher Education From the Perspective of International Student Mobility."

Jodi Monerson

Dissertation: "Undergraduate Student Leadership Development: A Quantitative Investigation Using the Social Change Model of Leadership Development."

Cherie Pettitt

Dissertation: "Intercultural Competence of Student Affairs Graduate Students Participation in Study Abroad."

Gail Ruhland

Dissertation: "Past, Present, Future: Times of Change for Continuing Education."

Carole South-Winter

Dissertation: "Predictors of Success on the Certified Radiology Administrator Credentialing Exam."



Above: Jodi is hooded by her advisor, Christine Imbra, and Dan Gregory, Dean of Graduate Education.

Left: Jodi receives her degree from SCSU President, Earl Potter III.

HIED International Initiatives

Italian Delegation - University of Macerata (UNIMC)

By Christine M. Imbra, Professor of HIED

This April, an Italian delegation comprised of two faculty members and five doctoral students from the University of Macerata, in Macerata, Italy, will visit St. Cloud State University. Prof. ssa Paola Nicolini is heading the delegation and is very excited about returning to SCSU. The delegation is hosted by the Higher Education Administration programs and is part of our institutional agreement between SCSU and UNIMC. While here, the UNIMC doctoral students will be placed in mini-internships in a variety of offices on campus. They will also spend time in our library conducting research on their dissertation topics. The UNIMC faculty members will be involved in a variety of meetings, lectures, and conferences. There will be several opportunities for the SCSU community to meet and greet our Italian guests, so please be watching for notices of these events on our campus TVs. For more information, contact Prof. Christine M. Imbra at 320-308-1689 or cmimbra@stcloudstate.edu.



Prof.ssa Paola Nicolini, from the University of Macerata, will be visiting St. Cloud State University in April along with another professor and five doctoral students.

Education Abroad to Italy

"International Higher Education: Discovering Universities in the European Context"

By Christine M. Imbra, Professor of HIED

We are off to Italy again this summer for another wonderful education abroad experience! There will be nine graduate students participating in the trip this year:

- Danielle Chandonnet
- Terren Duran
- Ashley Joachim
- Tamika Marchbanks
- Alissa Mendes
- Kira Novak
- Stephanie Olson
- Zachary Staszewski
- Erin Williamson

Much like the Italian students coming to SCSU this April, our students will also be placed in mini-internships at UNIMC this May working alongside Italian academics. We will also tour several Italian towns in the Le Marche region, be guests at two Italian universities, visit a variety of landmarks and regional businesses (a vineyard, an olive oil mill, a chocolate shop, etc.), take 3 classes taught by Italian professors, and generally soak up the Italian culture and la dolce vita during our two week stay. We leave on May 13th and return on May 27th - wish us a buon viaggio!

HIED Education Abroad Scholarship Recipients

By Christine M. Imbra, Professor of HIED

This year, seven scholarships were awarded to students participating in the Education Abroad trip to Italy this coming summer. Scholarships are made available from the proceeds of the annual Leadership Institute for Women in Higher Education.

- Danielle Chandonnet, Ed.D. Student
- Terren Duran, M.S. Student
- Ashley Joachim, M.S. Student
- Tamika Marchbanks, M.S. Student
- Stephanie Olson, M.S. Student
- Zachary Staszewski, M.S. Student
- Erin Williamson, M.S. Student

Check Out the 2011

Education Abroad Italy Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/scsuhied>

“Female Leaders Embracing Diversity in Higher Education”



**Tuesday, April 3, 2012,
10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
Cascade Room
Atwood Memorial Union
St Cloud State University**

**For more information contact Christine Imbra
at cmimbra@stcloudstate.edu or 320-308-1689**

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Registration, Breakfast, and Refreshments
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Introductions and Welcome Dr. Christine M. Imbra, Professor of Higher Education Administration, SCSU Dr. Wanda I. Overland, Vice President for Student Life and Development, SCSU
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.	Opening Session: “The Status of Diversity in Higher Education” Ms. Renee Hogoboom, Associate Director of Diversity and Equity, MnSCU Chancellor’s Office This session will explore the current diversity issues in higher education institutions in Minnesota and the U.S. The presentation will focus on how diverse colleges and universities are in terms of students, faculty, staff, curriculum, policies, etc., and will connect those issues to national trends. The session will present a multifaceted approach to institutional diversity. Additionally, this session will provide recommendations for how to promote and enhance diversity on campuses.
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Session One: “Internationalization of Higher Education” Dr. Gabriela J. Silvestre, Assistant Professor of Higher Education Administration, St. Cloud State University This session will discuss the relevance of global approaches to education and the effects of internationalization on American higher education at the national, state, and local levels. While institutions of HIED in the state and nationally embrace and adopt the goals of globalization and internationalization, there is little discussion on the issues and challenges that female students, faculty, and HIED leaders face internationally and/or when they join Minnesota campuses. This presentation will focus on knowledge, support mechanisms, and strategies from a combined gender and global approach, so as to identify the policies, targets, and priorities for globalization and internationalization to support women internationally and at our universities and colleges.
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch and Speed-Networking
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Break
1:30 – 2:15 p.m.	Session Two: “Creating a Welcoming Environment on Campus for Women from Under-Represented Groups” Ms. Andrea Turner, J.D. Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer, Augsburg College This session will explore the needs of women on our campuses who hail from under-represented groups, from the perspective of students, faculty, staff, and administrators. The presentation will provide recommendations and a plan of action for creating campus environments that are welcoming and supportive.
2:15 – 3:00 p.m.	Dessert Reception and Informal Networking

Announcements

Upcoming Conferences

ACPA Annual Convention

March 24-28, 2012

Louisville, KY

<http://convention.myacpa.org/>

AERA Annual Meeting

April 13-17, 2012

Vancouver, CA

<http://www.aera.net/2012AnnualMeeting.htm>

AACC Annual Convention

April 21-24, 2012

Orland, FL

<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/newsevents/Events/convention2/Pages/default.aspx>

CIES Annual Conference

April 22-27, 2012

San Juan, PR

<http://www.cies2012.psu.edu/index.html>

NAFSA Annual Conference

May 27-June 1, 2012

Houston, TX

<http://www.nafsa.org/annualconference/default.aspx>

Higher Education Administration Logo Competition

We are pleased to announce the winner of the HIED logo competition, M.S. student Zachary Staszewski. Congratulations, Zachary! The logo will be used on promotional items, publications, and other materials associated with the HIED programs. We would also like to congratulate our first runner-up, Ed.D. student Andrew Graham. Great work, Andrew!

First Place:

Zachary Staszewski, M.S. Student



Runner-up:

Andrew Graham, Ed.D. Student



HIED Scholarship Recipients

- **Lynn Davis:** Excellence in Leadership Award; Dean's Scholarship for Doctoral Students
- **Dia Yang:** Dean's Scholarship for Graduate Students
- **Tracy Wyman:** Imbra-Steffens Scholarship for Women in Higher Education

Deadlines for Ed.D. Students

Spring 2012 Graduation Dissertation Deadlines

Final Defense
March 16, 2012

Submit for Format Review
April 6, 2012

**Final Formatted & Approved
Copy for Binding**
May 4, 2012

Graduation
May 5, 2012



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